GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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MARGINAL FIXED LICENSE FEE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have sought the opinion of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India to allow an unlimited number of mobile players in a circle with a marginal fixed license fee;

(b) if so, whether the Government have recently requested TRAI to give its recommendations on the subject;

(c) if so, whether the recommendations have been submitted; and

(d) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) & (b): Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has been requested to givetheir recommendations for grant of additional licences for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service in terms of New Telecom Policy - 1999, which, inter-alia, stipulates that the entryof more operators in a service area shall be based on the recommendations of TRAI who willreview this as required and no later than every two years.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.